

**Amendments to the Claims:** This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) A method for cutting a web conveyed along a conveyance direction, and subsequent feeding and threading it up into a processing line, said web comprising a central portion and edges, the method comprising the steps of:

- (i) cutting off at least one edge laterally from the central portion along said conveyance direction;
- (ii) cutting said at least one edge along a direction transverse to the conveyance direction;
- (iii) taking up said at least one edge into the processing line through edge channel(s) said channel(s) comprising a section substantially closed with movable lids;
- (iv) securing said at least one edge in a pulling unit located at along the processing line past said channel(s);
- (v) opening the lids of the channel(s) to allow the central portion to be entrained along said conveyance direction into the processing line; and
- (vi) stopping said lateral cutting of said at least one edge and cutting the central portion transversely to the conveyance direction whereby said edge portion(s) entrain said central portion through said channel(s) into the processing line.

16. (Withdrawn) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 15, wherein the taking up step (iii) comprises sucking the edges into tube channels.

17. (Previously amended) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 15 further comprising the step of forming a loop of edges at the vicinity of the edge channel during step (ii).

18. (Withdrawn) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 15 wherein both edges are processed.

19. (Withdrawn) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 18, wherein said both edges are processed simultaneously.

20. (Withdrawn) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 18, wherein said both edges are processed independently.
21. (Withdrawn) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 20, wherein said both edges are processed sequentially.
22. (Withdrawn) Method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (i) comprises a step of keeping the central cutting means at a non-moving state for lateral cutting off the edges from the central portion.
23. (Withdrawn) method for cutting and feeding a web according to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (ii) comprises a step of instantaneous transversely cutting of the edges.
24. (Withdrawn) Method for cutting and feeding a web to claim 15, wherein the cutting step (vi) comprises moving the central cutting means towards each other transversely to the conveyance direction.
- 25-28 (Cancelled)
29. (New) The method according to claim 15 wherein the step of cutting the central portion transversely to the conveyance direction occurs ahead of said channel(s) along the conveyance direction and after said step of securing said at least one edge in said pulling unit.